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25 February 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OER Involvement in Commerce Department
Investigation of Alleged Export
Control Violation

25X1A 1. In late 1973 or early 1974, the Department of
Commerce received information indicating that a US firm,
[REDACTED] had violated
US and COCOM export control laws. Apparently, [REDACTED]
shipped embargoed magnetic disc recording heads and
25X1A subassemblies to [REDACTED] without an export license.
Currently, the Compliance Division of the Office of Export
Administration (OEA), Department of Commerce, is conduct-
ing an investigation.

2. In early May 1974 the undersigned received an
invitation from the Bureau of Standards to attend an
interagency meeting on the [REDACTED] case. Apparently, the
Bureau of Standards was directed by Commerce to establish
the facts concerning the violation. At the meeting we
presented a briefing on Communist capabilities in the
magnetic disc area. A summary record of that meeting is
attached (Attachment A). We later received an invitation
to attend a second meeting on the subject. We declined
on the grounds that we had provided intelligence information
on Communist capabilities at the previous meeting, and that
the investigation of the violation proper was not our
concern.

25X1A 3. On 19 February 1975, at the request of the OEA, we
delivered to Mr. Rauer Meyer, Director, OEA, a copy of a
joint OER/OSI intelligence statement prepared by
Mr. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] capabilities to produce computer disc
drives and heads (Attachment B). That statement had been
prepared for the Department of State in connection with a
review of the US position in the COCOM List Review
Negotiations. On 21 February 1975, Mr. Aaron Tollin,

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Chairman of the Operating Committee of the Advisory Committee on Export Policy (ACEP) requested that CIA prepare an unclassified version of this statement for use by Commerce lawyers as evidence in the [REDACTED] investigation. Mr. [REDACTED] informed Mr. Tollin that the request would have to be taken under advisement at a higher level to ensure that such action did not extend beyond CIA responsibilities.

4. On 25 February 1975, Mr. [REDACTED] received a call from Edward Kritzer, Office of Export Administration. He requested that Mr. [REDACTED] serve as a government witness in an upcoming Commerce Department hearing on the [REDACTED] case. He further requested that CIA approve the use of the intelligence statement on [REDACTED] disc technology at the hearing. Mr. Kritzer was informed that his request would be relayed to higher authority.

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(CIA Representative to ACEP
Operating Committee)

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